

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**400 PHENIX AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.**

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**PUBLIC MEETING: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC WORK  
SESSION**

**\*These items were added to the agenda after the legal ad was  
published in the Cranston Herald on Thursday, November 6, 2008.**

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session pursuant  
to RI State Laws PL42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel; PL 42-46-5(a)(2)  
Collective Bargaining and Litigation\* \*Special Education Appeal;  
\*Program Supervisors; Caruolo Action; PL 42-46-5(8)(a) Update on  
Student “A” Regarding Discipline**

**II. Executive Session**

**III. Call to Order**

**IV. Roll Call**

## **V. Work Session Agenda:**

### **1. BCI Proposed Policy**

### **2. Proposed Dedication of Rhodes School Auditorium**

### **3. Proposed Amendment to Regulations for Policy No. 5147, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

## **VI. Adjourn Public Work Session to Public Meeting**

## **VII. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – November 10, 2008**

## **VIII. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – October 14, 2008; October 20, 2008**

## **IX. Public Acknowledgements / Communications**

## **X. Chairperson Communications**

## **XI. Superintendent Communications**

## **XII. School Committee Member Communications**

### **XIII. Public Hearing**

- a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Matters)**
- b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)**

### **XIV. Consent Agenda**

#### **SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE**

**NO. 08-11-1 – Whereas, the Cranston High School East Thunderbolt Marching Band and Emerald Encore Color Guard, under the direction of Mark Colozzi, earned First Place Honors at the New England Championships of the United States Scholastic Band Association held on Saturday, October 25, 2008, in New Britain, Connecticut, and**

**Whereas, the Group 3 Open Class Champions achieved a score of 90.4 and also earned the awards for Best Effect and Best Color Guard,**

**Be it RESOLVED that the following students and instruction staff be congratulated and recognized by the Cranston School Committee for their hard work and dedication to music, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that they receive a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.**

**Drum Majors Alto Saxophone Tenor Saxophone Front Ensemble**

**Mike Rebello Kate Aman Kristen Johnson Tim Duhon**  
**Nate Stiener Tanner Barnes Michael Rose Wendy Kalver\***  
**Piccolo Joshua Bussman Baritone Saxophone Kang Kue**  
**Aubrey Olstead Fernando Marzan Bryan Mercier Corey Martin**  
**Hayley Varin\* Lauren Paquin Baritone Horn Haley Patton**  
**Flute Matt Rice Brianna Broccoli Abby Van Horn**  
**Kelsey Alpaio Trumpet Tuba Eric Venditto**  
**Gerardine Pineda Meg Aman Caitlin Cannon Joslyn Yeager**  
**Stephanie Kirwin Ryan Bentley Doug Davis Emerald Encore**  
**Makayla Proffit Jessica Hookway\* Jamil Jorge\* Ashley Araby**  
**Clarinet Lisa Larrabee Axel Harrison Rachel Baptista**  
**Allie Broccoli James Pereira Snare Kathleen Berkeley**  
**Anthony Doti Brendon Rebello Dan DeLuzio Shana Coleman**  
**Rebecca Rose Michael Sandoval Erick Mancebo\* Allyson Conway\***  
**Allison Shuman\* Helen Smith Talia Temporal Heather Degnan**  
**Trisha Whipple Trombone Quints Julie Delage**  
**Mellophone Billy Gesterling Zack Valliere Patricia DosSantos**  
**Sara Larrabee\* Kelsey Heim Bass Reena Felix**  
**David Marzilli Sean Lindia Kyle Gallagher Marissa Generali**  
**Sarah Peshka Harry Heyman Quan Ma**  
**Rob Jordan Sarah Mahdesian**

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<b>Instructional Staff</b>	<b>Emerald Encore</b>
<b>Mark Colozzi Co-Director</b>	<b>Mary McAteer</b>

**Gregory Arsenault Co-Director and Percussion Coordinator Nicole Nunez**

**Roxanne Murphy Color Guard Design and Coordination Kaley O'Neil**

**Gregory Johnson Brass and Visual Technique and Coordination Alysha Phillips**

**Emily Johnson Woodwind and Visual Technique and Coordination Elizabeth Rotondo**

**David Barron Visual Technique and Coordination Melissa Ruggieri\***

**Toni Lee Beaver Visual Technique and Coordination Brianna Shamaly**

**Stephen Hoard Percussion Technique Kelsey Tudino**

**David Brush Percussion Technique Dayna Vachon**

**Miranda Nero Percussion Technique**

**William McEnery Technical Advisor**

**\*denotes section captain**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PERSONNEL**

**NO. 08-11-2 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**Cathryn Arruda Elementary**

**Christopher Otu    General Subject Matter, K-12**

**Elizabeth Ann Lavallo    Social Studies**

**Richard Vars    Music, K-12**

**NO. 08-11-3 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel be accepted:**

**Caroline Frey, Teacher**

**Garden City School**

**Effective Date: October 31, 2008**

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**NO. 08-11-4 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be reappointed as athletic coaches:**

**CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST**

**Robert Bouchard    Head Boys' and Girls' Swimming**

**Robert LaBanca    Head Girls' Indoor Track**

**William Monigan    Head Boys' Basketball**

**Lauren Brown    Head Girls' Basketball**

**William Coughlin   Assistant, East Boys' Basketball**

**Michael Crudale   Head, East Boys' Indoor Track**

**Carl Bishop   Assistant, East Boys' Indoor Track**

#### **CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST**

**Mathew Cleason   Head Wrestling**

**James Royal   Assistant Wrestling**

**Kenneth Hopkins, Jr.   Assistant Boys' Basketball**

**David Fontes   Assistant Girls' Basketball**

**Wayne Lindberg   Assistant Boys' Hockey**

**David Barr   Head Boys' Indoor Track**

**Gerard Marzilli   Head Freshman Basketball**

**Carmine Goneconte   Head Girls' Basketball**

#### **CRANSTON CO-OP GIRLS' HOCKEY**

**Lisa Sylvia   Assistant**

**NO. 08-11-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be reappointed as athletic coaches:**

#### **BAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Robert Manning   Head Boys' Basketball**

**Michelle Giardina   Head Girls' Basketball**

#### **PARK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Lloyd Bochner Head Girls' Basketball**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Michael Rachiele Head Girls' Basketball**

**Victor Caldarone Head Wrestling**

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**NO. 08-11-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:**

**Paul Bessette, Head Hockey, Cranston High School East**

**Step - 1**

**Class – B**

**Playing Competition – High School**

**Experience – West Bay Youth Hockey**

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaches' Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified**

**Isaiah McDaniel, Head Freshman Basketball, Cranston High School East**

**Step – 2**

**Class – D**

**Playing Competition – Cranston High School East**



**Experience – Cranston High School East Football**

**Certification - Rhode Island Coaches' Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified**

**NO. 08-11-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be re-appointed as volunteer athletic coaches:**

**CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST**

**Rusty Calise    Wrestling**

**Sheila Lagasse    Girls' Indoor Track**

**NO. 08-11-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee be appointed:**

**Jacqueline Bucci, Behavioral Technician**

**Horton School**

**Effective Date of Employment: October 29, 2008**

**Authorization – Replacement**

**Fiscal Note: 50808197 519500**

**Claire Morra, Bus Monitor**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date of Employment – November 3, 2008**

**Authorization – Replacement**

**Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600**

**NO. 08-11-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Karen Poulos, Teacher Assistant  
Early Childhood Center  
Effective Date: November 14, 2008**

**NO. 08-11-10 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**TEACHER ASSISTANTS  
Marilou Vargas  
Sue Deland**

**BUSINESS**

**NO. 08-11-11 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Reconditioning of Football Equipment be awarded as follows:**

**Helmet \$23.75 Stadium**

**Shoulder Pad \$ 8.00 Riddell**

**Rib Pad \$ 4.95 Riddell**

**Game Jersey \$ 1.50 Stadium**

**Game Pant \$ 1.70 Stadium**

**Number of bids issued 5**

**Number of bids received 2**

**Diplomas for the three-year period (graduating classes 2009-2011) in the total amount of \$11,470.**

**Number of bids issued 3**

**Number of bids received 2**

**NO. 08-11-12 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved (Perkins funding):**

**Table Saw in the amount of \$4,524.00**

**Number of bids issued 7**

**Number of bids received 3**

**Aquaculture supplies in the amount of \$xx,xxx**

**Number of bids issued    x**

**Number of bids received    x**

## **POLICY AND PROGRAM**

**NO. 08-11-13 - RESOLVED, that policy No. 1330.3, Use of School Facilities for Sporting Events, Practice, or Extracurricular Activities, as amended, be approved for second and final reading.**

**NO. 08-11-14 - RESOLVED, that policy No. 1112.2, Publication, Radio, Television, Internet, be amended for second and final reading.**

**NO. 08-11-15 – RESOLVED, that regulations for Policy No. 5147, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, be amended for first reading.**

**NO. 08-11-16 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:**

**Michael Traficante, Athletic Director, to travel to San Diego, California to attend the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association National Conference from December 12,**

**2008 to December 17, 2008.**

**Marie Birch, teacher of Family and Consumer Science at Cranston High School East, and seventeen students to travel to Providence, Rhode Island to attend Family, Career and Community Leaders of America “Motivation in Motion” National 2008 Cluster Leadership meeting from November 14, 2008 to November 15, 2008.**

#### **XV. Action Calendar /Action Agenda**

#### **TABLED RESOLUTION**

**NO. 08-9-4 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2008-2009 school budget be amended.**

#### **XVI. New Business**

#### **XVII. Public Hearing on Non-Agenda Items**

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#### **XVIII. Announcement of Future Meetings**

## **XIX. Adjournment**

**School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.**

**Interested persons and the public at large, upon advance notice, will be given a fair opportunity to be heard at said meeting on the items proposed on the Agenda.**

**Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8143 72 hours in advance of hearing date.**

**Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's web site at [www.cpsed.net](http://www.cpsed.net), Cranston Public Schools' administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and**

**Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) hours in advance of the meeting.**

**Notice Posted: Cranston Herald / November 6, 2008**

**1330.3**

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Use of School Facilities for Sporting Events, Practice, or Extracurricular Activities**

**No sports event or practice, or other extracurricular activity which incurs custodial costs, shall be scheduled for a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.**

**This policy shall not apply to the Thanksgiving Day high school football game.**

**Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Superintendent.**

**All exceptions shall be reported in writing to the Cranston School Committee.**

**Policy Adopted: CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**1112.1**

**Community Relations**

**Publications, Radio, Television, Internet**

**During the school day, no poster, paper, circular, brochure or other document designed to aid or injure or defeat any candidate for public office or any political party or organization or any question submitted to the voters shall be distributed to students or parents in school buildings or within school property by school personnel, students, parents, political candidates, political parties or organizations, or by the public at large; and further, there shall be no distribution within school buildings or upon school property of materials by the same above-enumerated persons and/or groups which invite, recruit, or in any way solicit students or their parents to participate in political campaign activities or political action organizations.**

**Outside the school day, any group which uses school facilities is free to exercise its rights under the First Amendment, including but not limited to, discussion of political candidates and issues, distribution of literature and buttons and encouragement of participation in political campaign activities.**

**PTO groups or other school-sanctioned groups must provide equal access to all candidates for a particular office. This shall not apply to elected officials performing their official duties.**

**Policy Amended 2/10/97 (Resolution 97-2-29) CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

**NOTICE OF PARENTAL AND STUDENT RIGHTS**

**The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly referred to as Section 504, is a nondiscrimination statute enacted by the United States Congress.**

**The purpose of the Act is to prohibit discrimination and to assure that students with disabilities have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to students without disabilities. Specifically, Section 504 provides that: No qualified disabled person shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance.**

**An eligible student under Section 504 is a student who:**

- has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities**
- has a record of such an impairment, or**
- is regarded as having such an impairment.**

**Major life activities include functions such as:**

- caring for one's self - performing manual tasks**
- walking - hearing**
- breathing - seeing**
- working - speaking**
- learning**

**When a condition does not substantially limit a major life activity, the individual does not qualify for services under Section 504 and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).**

**Both you and the Cranston Public Schools share in the education of your child. If your child has or is suspected of having a disability under Section 504 you should be aware that you have the right to:**

- 1. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability;**
- 2. Receive notice with respect to the identification, evaluation and placement of your child;**
- 3. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate;**
- 4. Have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school related and extra-curricular activities;**
- 5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services**

**comparable to those provided to students without disabilities;**

**6. Have evaluation, education, and placement decisions made based on a variety of information sources and by a group of people, including persons knowledgeable about your child and the placement/service options;**

**5147 (b)**

**7. Have your child receive special education and related services if he/she is found to be eligible under the individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act;**

**8. Have transportation provided to and from a district made alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district;**

**9. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program and placement;**

**10. Obtain copies of educational record at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records;**

**11. A response from the Cranston Public Schools to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records;**

**12. Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child;**

**13. Request mediation and grievance procedure related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement;**

**The person in the Cranston Public Schools who is responsible for assuring that the district complies with Section 504 is:**

**Section 504 Coordinator**

**Telephone Number (401) 270-8137**

**(401) 270-8642 (FAX)**

**(401) 270-8115 (TDD)**

**Address Cranston Public Schools**

**845 Park Avenue**

**Cranston, Rhode Island 02910**

**14. Initiate a due process hearing by an impartial hearing officer on any matter relating to the proposal or refusal of the Cranston Public Schools to initiate or change the identification, evaluation or placement of the child if you are unable to resolve the issue at the school system level;**

**Parents may forward a request for a hearing in writing to the Rhode Island Department of Education. The person who is responsible for assuring compliance with due process procedures under Section 504 is:**

**Commissioner of Education**

**Telephone Number (401) 222-4600**

**(401) 222-6178 (FAX)**

**(800) 745-5555 (TTY)**

**Rhode Island Department of Education**

**Shepard Building**

**255 Westminster Street**

**Providence, Rhode Island 02903-3400**

**5147 (c)**

**Additional information may be obtained regarding your rights under  
Section 504 by contacting:**

**U. S. Department of Education**

**Office of Civil Rights**

**Eastern Division**

**Telephone Number (617) 223-9662 (TTY/TTD) (617) 223-9695**

**Address Office for Civil Rights, Boston Office**

**U. S. Department of Education**

**J. W. McCormack Post Office & Courthouse**

**Room 701**

**Boston, MA 002109-4557**





**Resolution No.: 01-5-36 Cranston, Rhode Island**

**Regulations Amended:**

**Resolution No.:**